

# CANYON CITY NEWS. (THE STAYER.)

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## BAPTIST COLLEGE MATTER.

An enthusiastic mass meeting of citizens was held at the court house Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing delegates to represent the town in the matter of the college location at the Clarendon Association July 23rd. L. G. Conner stated the object of the meeting whereupon Judge A. N. Henson was elected chairman and R. A. Sowder secretary. On motion of L. G. Wilson the following delegation was elected to represent the town at the Clarendon, to-wit: L. T. Lester, J. H. Dunbar, L. G. Conner, G. C. Long, C. T. Word, Dr. Stewart, J. B. Gilespy, Judge Henson, Squire Redfearn, E. A. Uphold, J. H. Garrison, Judge Buie, J. N. Donohoo, J. C. Pipkin, Dr. Howell, Geo. A. Brandon, W. C. Baird, —McCrory, J. I. Cambell, S. H. Heyser, R. G. Oldham, A. E. Brown, Sam Shotwell, Rev. Stephens, and Jno. A. Wallace.

After setting Friday evening at 3 p. m. for this delegation to get together and perfect plans looking to the interest of the town in the college location the mass meeting adjourned.

An item of news developed here yesterday that put a new phase on the Baptist College matter. Rev. Sebe Thomas, of Childress, phoned Rev. Ballard from Amarillo to meet him at the train yesterday morning and in compliance with this request was apprised of the fact that he, Mr. Thomas, was representing the offer of Mr. Goodnight of the town which bears his name, who agrees to donate 600 acres of land and the well equipped College, dormitories and other appurtenances directly connected with same to the Baptist denomination for the proposed Baptist College.

Rev. Thomas was on his way to Hereford where he will submit the proposition as stated above. The entire properties are estimated to be worth \$30,000.

## AMARILLO'S MEETING.

A meeting was called at Amarillo Wednesday night for the purpose of determining what that town proposed to do in the effort to secure the Baptist College, by Rev. Baten and from lack of a quorum the meeting adjourned to meet last night, (Thursday) in order to canvass the matter more thoroughly and endeavor to inspire the people with the necessity of acting at once one way or the other.

The News man anticipating a long interesting meeting which would furnish data for a good article, attended the place of meeting last night but was sorely disappointed in not being able to secure the data. Rev. Baten and some 13 of his brethren, assembled in response to the call but this not being considered a sufficient quorum for the task in hand this, the second meeting, adjourned sine die.

Probably the greatest disappointment that befell anyone, at least it appeared to the writer more forcibly, was the fact that Bro. Caldwell, the old veteran newspaper man of Amarillo, and Bro. Russell of the Champion and myself were simply defeated in a desire to record a real enthusiastic meeting, though it was not our fault. Bro. Caldwell and myself had procured a large 10 cent tablet for the occasion with the result that we still have that 10 cent tablet as clean and spotless of any proceedings of this meeting as they were when we purchased them. But we newspaper men have had many a good story slipped in the bud by the bursting of such air bubbles.

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Since this ignominious death and shattering of rosy dreams, has the Panhandle ceased to pour its life giving nutriment to those who were inspired with the belief that the country was yet destined to become a prosperous farming region? We happen to have old settlers here who answer this question satisfactorily in the negative. Added to the small remnant of stock-farmers, which were left in the closing epoch of famine as pictured by the Stockman, we are gradually swelling the numbers, who are exerting their best efforts and highest intelligence known to the agriculturist, to make of this region a veritable farming district. We are getting with the number those possessed of the courage of Columbus, who are not content with the old beaten paths of our past predecessors but are wont to implant by experience what they know and can do at the cost of long study. This latter class of emigration has come here for a purpose and are not to be deterred in the accomplishment of that purpose by the trivial experience of a momentary drouth. They know by dint of this same experience that there are few sections this side of Paradise where drouth does not at times prevail and check the products of the soil. Certainly there is not a section in Texas that has not at times suffered from the ravages and grim specter of drouth. We do most emphatically assert and have old land-marks to confirm the statement, that where the soil is well cultivated one can produce practically the same crops in value to man and beast in the Panhandle as in other parts of the state.

The Stockman has ever been a strong champion of the stock interests of Texas and by its high standard of excellence in this classification has gained great prominence and popularity among the stockmen of West Texas. With the advent of the man with the mule and the probable demise of the whole sale stockman, this worthy journal cannot but see its displacement as a classified journal—hence it cannot be a harbinger of a changed condition of affairs when its own interest is in jeopardy. It has most strenuously fought for suitable land legislation by which the stockman might reap the benefits of his monopoly. We cannot but realize the attendant evil effects of this policy. Thousands of sections of good rich land suitable for farming is at present held by syndicates who are jealous of the encroachments of the small land-owner. The Stockman must now follow the sweet example as set forth in the policy of its constituents, and in its retreat fall back in good order.

Anent this all absorbing question of the fight between the stock-farmer and the range cattle raiser the Colorado, Texas, correspondent of the Dallas News, in speaking of the farmers settling up the grazing land, says:

It is the farmers who are playing havoc with the range cattle industry of West Texas; they are the people who are bringing about the dismemberment of the big ranches and completely revolutionizing the cattle business in this section, and it may be emblazoned upon the pages of history already that the stock farmer has come to West Texas to stay.

"Those ranchmen who are today

caviling at those changed conditions which threaten to retire some of them from business, have had ample time to read the signs of the times and prepare for what was coming. Every year they have seen this line of brave and resolute homeseekers extended further west, and not one foot of the conquered territory has been suffered to go back into its original state, for these people have builded wisely and well. Of all the efforts that have been made for the transformation of the West, that instituted and engineered by the stock farmer has been the only unqualified success, and is the man to whom the West is today pinning its faith as the maker of its destiny.

"The passing of range in all the grazing portion the West can not mean the public calamity it has been so often pictured. It means that the adjustment of the cattle business to new conditions and the placing of that great industry upon a permanent basis under conditions that will in the end redound to the general prosperity and development of the country."

The inroads of a contented class of farmers into our country cannot but be conducive of success as a self-sustaining people. To say the least of the policy of this paper, is to say that it is admirable, for all of us have this principal desire implanted in us by nature, that our first wish is to preserve ourselves.

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